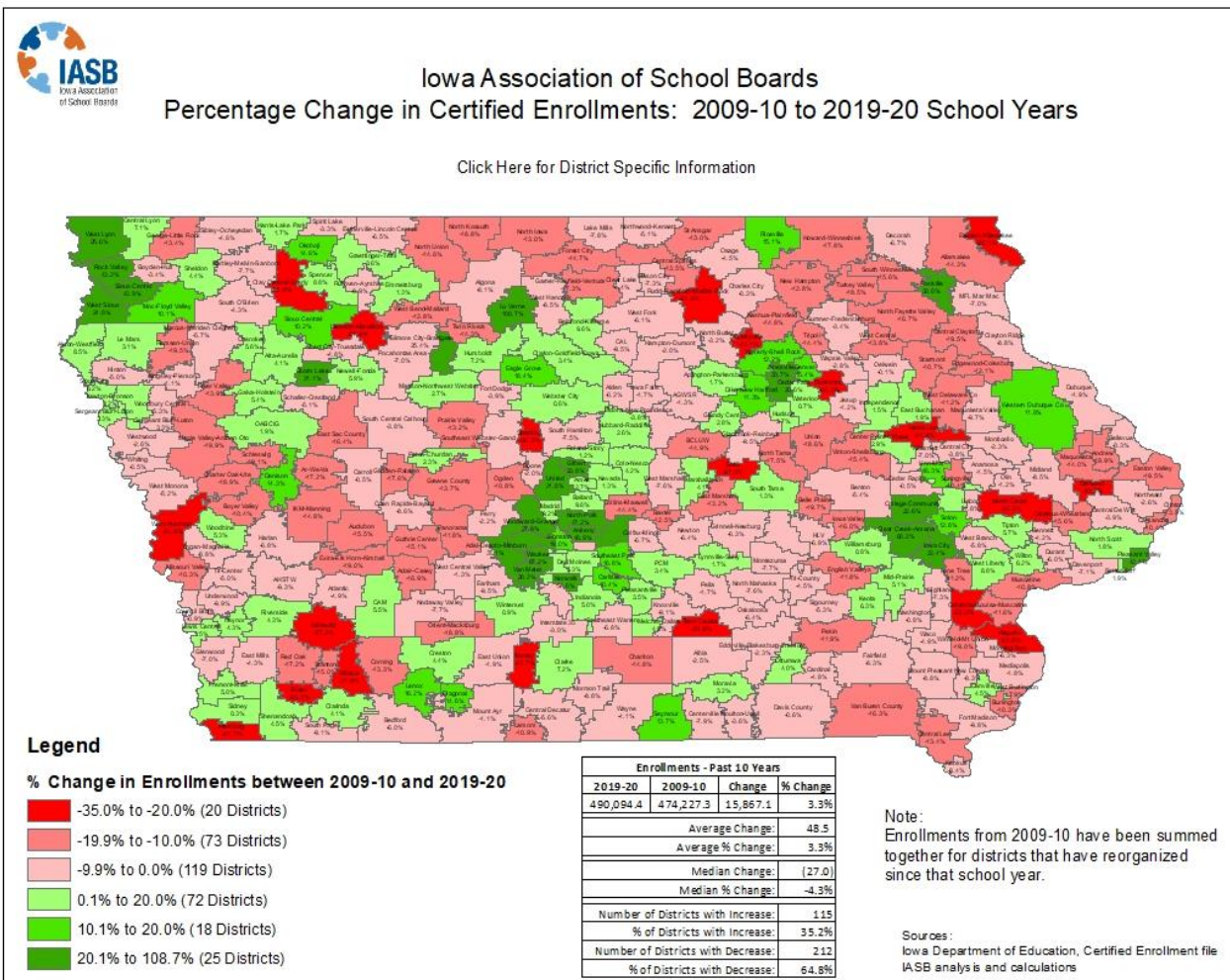




Certified Enrollments: 10-Year Comparison

Certified enrollments are collected annually each October from every school district by the Department of Education. The enrollments represent the count of resident students within the district that are attending public school. While this count doesn't necessarily match the number of students attending school (referred to as "served" enrollments) within the school district, it is the enrollment count that generates funding through Iowa's school aid formula.

The following map provides the percentage change in certified enrollment from October 2009 to October 2019. While the overall enrollment has increased from 474,227.0 in October 2009 to 490,094.4 in October 2019 (an increase of 3.3%), nearly 65% of school districts have seen a decrease in enrollments over that time period. [See a larger map](#) and [the list of districts](#).

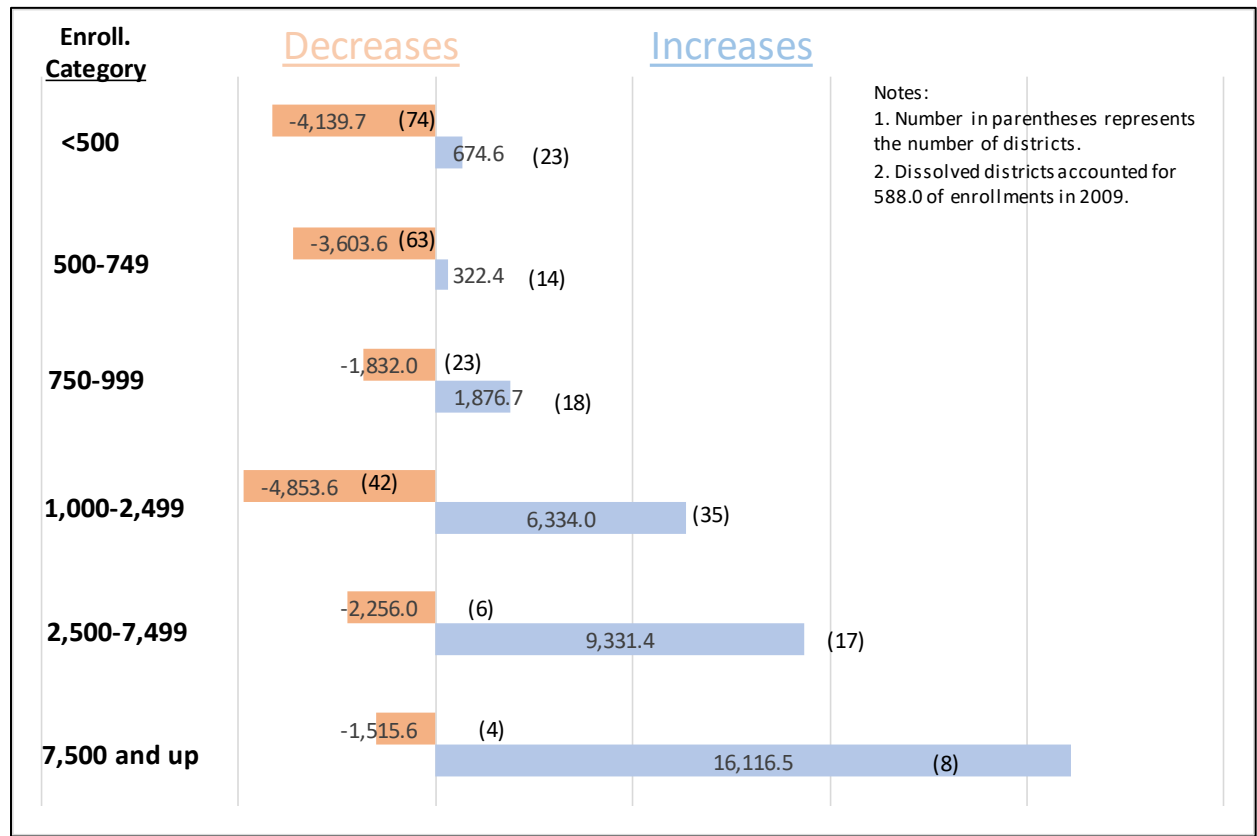


The following table and chart show the overall enrollment changes by enrollment category. Of note:

- The enrollment categories of less than 750 each had net enrollment losses and are a large majority of districts with an overall decrease.
- The enrollment categories of 2,500 and above, grew 8.0% and 9.7% respectively, and are a majority of districts with an overall increase.

Certified Enrollment Changes by Enrollment Category: October 2009 versus October 2019

Enrollment Category	Oct. 2009 Enrollment	Oct. 2019 Enrollment	Enr. Change	% Change	Districts with an Increase		Districts with a Decrease	
					# of Districts	Enr. Change	# of Districts	Enr. Change
<500	35,993.6	32,528.5	-3,465.1	-9.6%	23	674.6	74	-4,139.7
500-749	49,452.4	46,171.2	-3,281.2	-6.6%	14	322.4	63	-3,603.6
750-999	34,885.4	34,930.1	44.7	0.1%	18	1,876.7	23	-1,832.0
1,000-2,499	113,998.7	115,479.1	1,480.4	1.3%	35	6,334.0	42	-4,853.6
2,500-7,499	88,834.5	95,909.9	7,075.4	8.0%	17	9,331.4	6	-2,256.0
7,500 and up	150,474.7	165,075.6	14,600.9	9.7%	8	16,116.5	4	-1,515.6
Dissolved Districts	588.0	N.A.	-588.0		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
State Enrollment	474,227.3	490,094.4	15,867.10	3.3%	115	34,655.6	212	-18,200.5



The IASB has a number of tools that provide enrollment information, including:

- [Enrollment and Staffing Level Trend Information](#): This file includes a summary of served and certified enrollments back to 2000-2001, staff FTE levels back to 2010-2011, and per pupil staffing levels back to 2010-2011 for each school district.
- [Certified Enrollment Comparison Tool](#): Provides current and historical data on certified enrollments including enrollment trend data for each of the variables included in the certified enrollment file. Additionally, this tool allows for comparison between districts on the various elements included in the certified enrollment.
- Financial Focus [Enrollment Data](#): Funding follows the student so it is important to understand your district's enrollment numbers and what they mean for your district's financial health.